

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No. 09/771,519
Attorney Docket No.: A8062

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-13, 15-33, 35-53, 55-63, and 65-67 are all the claims pending in the application.

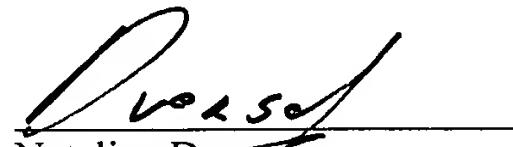
To expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant amends claims 1, 21, 41, and 61 to incorporate the subject matter of the allowable dependent claims 14, 34, 54, and 64, respectively, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant cancels claims 14, 34, 54, and 64.

Applicant does not concede that the rejected claims are unpatentable over the prior art. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejected claims in a continuation application.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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